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DALLAS-WICHITA LINE FUND READY

Decatur Delegation Will Go to Dallas and Wichita In Town's Interest

At a meeting held Wednesday morning in the office of the J. B. Green & Company, it was decided to send a delegation to Dallas to confer with Dallas-Wichita interurban promoters and see what are the chances for Decatur to secure the road. Several months ago a surveying party for the proposed road made a preliminary survey through Decatur and Wise county, and at that time expressions from the chief surveyor led Decatur people to believe that this route would be recommended, but since that survey was made it seems there has been some work done against the line coming this way, and it is feared that if something is not done by Decatur and Wise county citizens the interurban will go east of Decatur, where a preliminary survey has also been made.

The $1,500,000 fund to be raised by Wichita Falls and Dallas was oversubscribed at a meeting of the citizens of the two cities last Monday, and now it is an assured fact that the road will be constructed. Actual work on the line will be started at an early date, and it is now up to the business interest of Decatur to get busy and secure this line. A delegation headed by Hon. Tom J. McMurray, Guinn Williams, S. A. Lillard and W. L. Rush, has been appointed by the Young Men's Business League to go to Dallas and confer with Mr. Wiley Blair and Col. Henry D. Lindsley. The delegation will also visit Wichita Falls and put Decatur's claim up to Messrs. Kemp and Kell, the builders of that thriving city.

Interurban Will Operate in 1922

The following is copied from the Dallas News of Wednesday morning's edition:

An interurban line between Dallas and Wichita Falls should be in operation within eighteen months after actual construction work is started, according to J. F. Strickland, president of the Texas Electric Railway. Mr. Strickland bases this opinion on his experience in interurban building. Present plans are to start work in the fall, and, if the biulding of the line progresses satisfactorily, the road will be in operation by the summer of 1922.

The interurban fund was carried well above the $1,000,000 mark yesterday by additional subscriptions reported to J. B. Walker, secretary of the general committee. Total subscriptions reported amounted to $12,450, which brings the fund to $1,016,537. Included in the report was a $5,000 subscription from A. V. Lane which was made several days ago. Other subscriptions were A. Munster & Sons, $2,500; Mrs. Louis A. Edmonds, $2,000; R. R. Beal, A. H. Wilkins and Sam Hargreaves, $500 each; Dr. J. H. Wynne of Pilot Point, $250, and B. C. Camp, $200. "Additional subscriptions to the fund should be reported as they are made," Mr. Walker said. "We probably will need a surplus of at least $30,000 to provide against contingencies."

Three Possible Routes

Three possible routes, two of which have been surveyed, will be considered by the interurban builders. Selection of the route will be the next step after the $4,500,000 first mortgage bonds are sold by Geo. T. Bishop of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Bishop has until July 15 to handle this end of the project.

Of the two surveyed routes, one is from Dallas to Grapevine on the St. Louis Southwestern, then to Decatur on the Fort Worth & Denver City and along this road to Wichita Falls, through Bowie and Henrietta. The other surveyed route is on the Santa Fe, and then across to Bowie and Wichita Falls.

The unsurveyed route is via Denton to either Krum or Sanger and thence to Montague, the county seat of Montague county. Montague has no railroad connection and is located about thirty miles northwest of Bowie. The line then would go from Montague to Wichita Falls. This route is through a territory, a large part of which now is without railroad facilities and would bring the interurban near to Gainesville, to which pont it is expected to build an interurban ultimately, which will join up with the Wichita Falls-Dallas line.

Distance is 135 Miles

The distance to Wichita Falls from Dallas is approximately 135 miles, including lines within the city limits

CANDIDATE NEFF HERE FRIDAY EVE

Many Ills Pointed Out But No Remedy Offered--No Platform Given Out

Hon. P. M. Neff of Waco spoke to a crowd which comfortably filled the district court room here last Friday night. Judge John Gose presided and introduced Judge C. V. Terrell, who made a few remarks introducing Mr. Neff. Mr. Terrell told of his friendship and support of Mr. Bailey, and then took a few shots at the exsenator's war record. He then told of being personally acquainted with the other three candidates for governor, saying any one of them would make a good governor.

Mr. Neff opened up with a general survey of the magnitude of Texas, its size and power, recounting the many industrial activities of the state. He said that such a great state needed an honest and capable man for governor, and in this respect the speaker said he thought more attention should be paid to the man than to the platform upon which the man stood; that a man was needed who could cope with any conditions which might arise aside from the principles promulgated in his platform. However, the speaker launched into the discussion of several propositions and reforms which he believed needed immediate attention for the benefit of the people. He stated he was for education, and when made governor would encourage and aid all manner of education in the state from the kindergarten to the state university; that means should be provided by which the thousands of school-less children of the state could be furnishd schooling. While offering no specific plans for school-improvement, he said any plans for bettering educational conditions in the state would receive his aid. The speaker told of the deplorable marketing conditions in the state and strongly advocated some plan to better conditions and bring the producer and consumer closer together and eliminating the middle man. He dwelt at length on the large amount of tillable land in the state owned by outside capital which is unimproved and uncultivated, and plead for some plan by which this land could be thrown on the open market and properly developed into homes for the thousands of people in Texas who do not own homes. Mr. Neff advocated the doing away with many useless office-holders in the state, and said the expenses of the state could thus be materially reduced.

In closing, Mr. Neff plead for the conservation of the childhood of Texas, urging better laws safe-guarding the health of the people.

At the close of the speech, club lists were presented the audience for the signature of the supporters of Mr. Neff. About fifty names were secured during the evening.

KEYSTONE DRILL HITS PAY SAND

The Keystone well, southeast of Decatur, and drilling around 1,000 feet, struck a sand the first of the week that, in the opinion of the drillers, would have pumped between five and eight barrels. This showing has created renewed interest among the oil fraternity and as the reports gets to other oil centers of the state, strangers are arriving here and visiting the Keystone site. A number of leases have changed hands during the past few days. The Keystone people seem to be absolutely confident that a splendid well will be brought in on their property and the fact that a good sand has been hit did not surprise them. After a thorough examination of the sand found around the one thousand-foot depth, the drill was sent on down. Something big, in the 500- or 1,000-barrel class is what the Keystone drillers are looking for, and they state a "whopper" is due when they reach a depth of 1,700 or 1,800 feet. Others claim that the best producer will be hit between 2,500 and 3,00 feet.

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hason Will Speak Here at Early Date

eaker of the House of Represen- es R. E. Thomason has notified ds that he will deliver a speech tur and other points in Wise ounty at an early date. Mr. Thomaon was making a state-wide camaign in his race for governor when he legislature was called to meet, hich necessitated him calling in a mber of dates. With the adjournnt of the legislature, Mr. Thoma- will prosecute a vigorous cam- gn and hopes to meet the people Wise county. His duties as speak- f the house prevent him from ng his work for any extended aign trip.

Annual Reunion Set for August 25, 26, 27

The twenty-seventh annual reunion of ex-confederates and old settlers of Wise county will be held at Joe Wheeler park, south of Decatur, on August 25, 26, and 27. The following were appointed as an entertainment committee at a recent meeting of the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans: Gen. George W. Short, Mayor Frank J. Ford, Hon. L. D. Ratliff, and C. C. Henderson.

W. O. Bailey spent several days in Sanger. He reports a splendid business in his newly-purchased store there.

BRASS-COLLARED DEMOCRACY

Decatur, Texas, June 3.—To Messenger: This brand of democracy was evidenced by an aspirant for the governorshop of Texas by a speech made in the court house May 8th. Mr. Neff positively refused to outline any platform whatever, but intimated that he would wait until the emergency came and then would deal with it accordingly, or, in other words, whatever the multi-millionaire cotton speculator and his gang said.

This was Mr. Neff's platform, no one can deny, and he's allied with other factions who want to dominate the voters of the state. For these reasons and many more, I think it time to call a halt and think for one moment. Is this democracy by the people and for the people? Then, what is the remedy? Stay away from the pit-fall called the primary and wait until November, and vote for a real democrat who has outlined a positive remedy for all these ills so deadly poisonous to the political life of Texas. A FARMER SUPPORTER McGREGGOR.

Grandma G. W. Reeves fell from the front porch at the home of her son, Claude, last Wednesday morning and sustained a broken limb. Both bones in the right limb were broken just above the ankle.

LOCAL & PERSONAL

Mrs. G. S. Blewett, son, J. C. and daughter, Miss Linnie, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Alvord.

I have in my hands four $700.00 vendor lein notes for sale. Due Jan. 1, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924. Can be made longer. Geo. F. Boyd, basement of the court house.

Mrs. Sam Gentry and daughter, Miss Lee, and Mrs. Jas. W. Smith and daughter, Marion, are visiting in Halsell.

They will be all they need for the hot weather—Slipons and union alls. Saturday, Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Misses Booth and New, two of the most charming girl of the Bethel community, were in the city this week shopping.

Mrs. R. M. Crisp of Bowie, has this week been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Melvin Crisp. She left Wednesday for a visit in Fort Worth.

Burch Gregg had a finger broken on his right hand last week while catching a ball game between Decatur and Greenwood.

H. H. Trussell has returned from Hobart, Okla. J. T. Hurdt, Jr., accompanied Mr. Trussell home, and is visiting his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gage.

See our peanuts before buying your seed; can save you money. Also have red top fetereta, kaffir corn and milo maize seed. Lillard Milling Company, Decatur.

Mrs. D. J. Moss and children are here from Hamlin to attend the Hardy-Renshaw wedding in Bridgeport tomorrow. Mr. Moss will arrive today.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Kinney are here from Wichita Falls. They came down to attend the Hardy-Renshaw wedding in Bridgeport tomorrow afternoon.

P. L. Jones of this city attended the Sherwood funeral in Cincinnati, and he reports that no man ever had more friends in that city than the late Mr. Sherwood. The funeral was largely attended, states Mr. Jones.

Wheat harvesting will begin in this section next Monday. Some few are cutting grain this week. The crop seems as a whole to be as good as that of last year, while some sections will produce a better yield.

See our peanuts before buying your seed; can save you money. Also have red top fetereta, kaffir corn and milo maize seed. Lillard Milling Company, Decatur.

Cards have been issued, announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Mora Neilson and Mr. Silas Hornback Lynch, at the First Methodist church, Decatur, Thursday, June 10.

Blue-striped unionalls good weight denim, sizes up to 8 years old, Saturday, $1.39. Perkins-Timberlake Company.

The grand jury has been in session this week, and will probably close its work tomorrow. The jury has been ably assisted by the county attorney's department in pushing the work.

President John H. Wallace of the Old Settlers' association, requests a meeting of the old settlers next Monday afternoon to confer on the approaching reunion. The meeting will be held at the court house at 2 o'clock.

Miss Lela Mann will give a shower this afternoon, at her home corner of Shoemaker and Hill streets, honoring Miss Mora Neilson, who will be married on June 10th to Mr. Silas Hornback Lynch at the First Methodist church.

If you like real high-class flour which is guaranteed, try White Crest at Freeman's Grocery.

Manager H. F. Boyd has just completed some needed improvements in the Southwestern telephone exchange here. The different departments have been seperated into rooms, and the new arrangement adds much to the convenience of the exchange.

Mr. Roy C. Coffee, candidate for representative, will arrive here next week, following the close of the state university. Mr. Coffee will start his campaign immediately after his arrival, and will endeavor to cover the entire county, meeting all the people.

It will pay you to look over our specials for Saturday. Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Mr. Sammons, nephew of Mrs. A. S. Kinney, visited here from Oklahoma this week. The meeting between Mr. Sammon and Mrs. Kinney here was the first in more than forty years. Mayor Ford stated to a Messenger reporter that Mrs. Kenney and Mrs. Kenney talked the entire night after Mr. Sammon's arrival.

Miss Ruth Roland, the motion picture star, with the Pathe Company, and who was seen here in the serial, "The Tiger's Trail," has been visiting her parents in the Alvord country. She passed through Decatur Wednesday evening enroute to Los Angeles, Cali., where she resides while in the employ of the Pathe Company.

Have your car top recovered right. We carry a line in stock; see what you buy; get our prices. Champion Shoe & Harness Shop.

Dr. W. B. Man has been assisting in the Bass drug store this week, while a new druggist is coming to accept a position with the firm. Dr. Man "looks natural at the old game," but he says he has been loafing so long the store seems a bit close and confining.

Mr. Armstrong, here to superintend the drilling of the Burk-Waggoner well southwest of Decatur, is not only an expert driller, but he is acquiring some fame as a fisherman. One day last week, while waiting the arrival of machinery for the Burk-Waggooner well, Mr. Armstrong decided to go fishing. He went out on Denton creek, and in a short time he had landed a four-pound bass, the largest fish of the kind ever caught in that stream.

"Please Get Married!"—Majestic.

New Masonic Officers Elected Last Week

Decatur Lodge No. 447—W. V. Patton, W. M.; A. L. Alland, S. W.; Chas. Stokes, J. W.; John Simmons, treasurer; E. P. Gibson, secretary; J. A. Wasson, tiler; Rev. M. B. Johnston, chaplain; C. A. Reeves, S. D.; G. S. Blewett, J. D.

Decatur Chapter No. 289—Chas. Stokes, H. P.; Jas. W. Smith, King; W. V. Patton, Scribe; C. C. Lewis, C. H.; C. P. Nash, P. S.; E. P. Harding, R. A. C.; A. L. Alland, M. 3d V.; Glenn Stokes, M. 2d V.; G. S. Blewett, M. 1st V.; J. A. Simmons, treasurer; E. P. Gibson, secretary.

Ford Car is Stolen from W. A. Roberts

A Ford car was stolen from W. A. Roberts in Southeast Decatur Tuesday night. A sack of meal and a purse containing several dollars, were in the car. Two men were seen roll-a car down the street early Tuesday morning, and it is believed they were the ones who took the Roberts car. The sheriff's department has been unable to get any clue as to the guilty ones.

COAL USERS

If you intend, to profit by last winter's experience, being without fuel in the coldest part of our winter. store your coal at prices in effect now before the recent advance of 27 per cent granted the coal miners by the owners.

There is also pending an increase in freight rates, and, if you wait to buy your coal in the winter, you'll be compelled to pay three to five dollars per ton more than you'll pay by buying now and storing.

We are willing to carry a part of your yearly supply if you coal users will store a part now for winter's use. Co-operate with us to help freezing humanity by buying and store your coal in summer months.

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QUALIFICATIONS FOR TEACHERS RAISED

Teachers with a second grade certificate will not be permitted to teach in state-aid schools without taking examination and making a passing grade on three first grade or permanent subjects, according to information received from the state superintendent, Miss Annie Webb Blanton.

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Registered Duroc pigs; 3 months old; will have them in Decatur next First Monday, June 7. GUINN THOMPSON. (23)

FOR SALE—Early Wheeler peaches, $2.00 per bushel; now ready for delivery. L. N. NICHOLS, S. W. phone

FOR SALE—Pure bred White Rock eggs. One fifty for setting of fifteen. Mammoth Bronze turkey eggs, six dollars a dozen.—MRS. H. F. GILLETTE, Rte. 5, Decatur. (t-f)

FOR SALE—Ear corn; $1.35 per bushel; at my barn, 8 miles south of Decatur.—N. E. YOUNG. (26)

FOR SALE—June corn seed, well-matured.—LANHAM GENTRY, Rte 8, S. W. 'Phone. (23)

FOR SALE—House and lot in Decatur; 5-room house in good condition; garage; will sell reasonable, or trade.—C. C. LEWIS. (24)

FOR SALE—7-ft. Moline binder, good as new; has only cut 200 acres. JOHN F. THOMAS, Ind. Phone 10-3.

FOR SALE—4-year-old cow and calf; 3-gallons milk per day. $90. See L. N. NICHOLS, Ind. 'phone

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCK eggs, from the best strains in Texas; $1.00 per setting. A good milch cow for $85. Ask John Dickson. D. VAN PELT.

FOR SALE—Little girl's bicycle; bargain if sold right away. Call at this office. (25)

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WANTED—To buy hive and bees; at bargain. Call at this office. (25)

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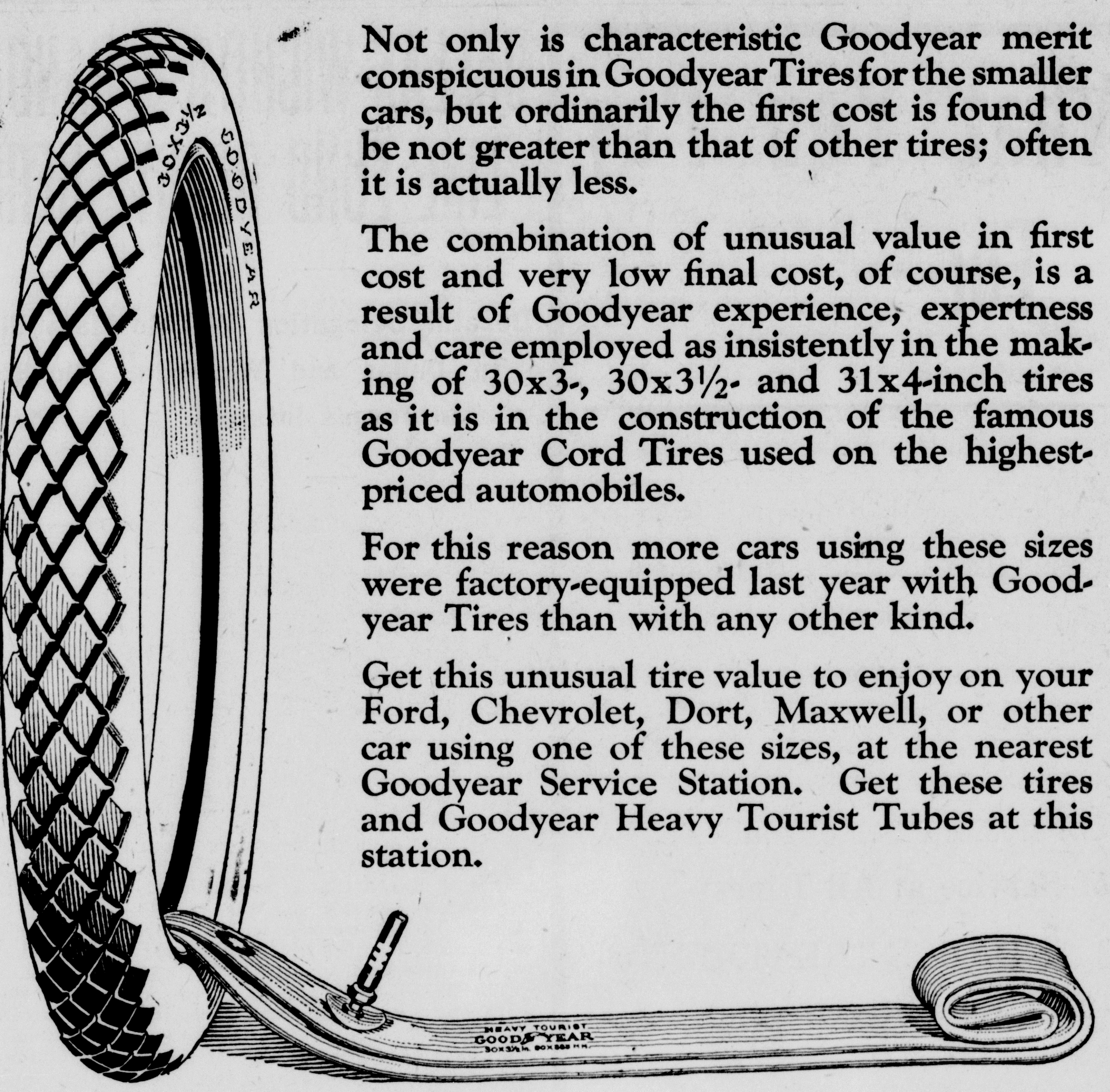
Get this unusual tire value to enjoy on your Ford, Chevrolet, Dort, Maxwell, or other car using one of these sizes, at the nearest Goodyear Service Station. Get these tires and Goodyear Heavy Tourist Tubes at this station.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Ladies' Beautiful New Silk Dresses at a Big Saving

We have just received a beautiful line of silk and voile dresses, all brand new and up-to-date. You will be sure to find just the dress that you have been looking for and at a big saving.

Extra Special

We will have on this sale a line of Ladies' Dresses in Drummers' Samples, which can be bought at wholesale prices. Be sure and see them!

LADIES' WAISTS AT BARGAIN PRICES

We have a beautiful assortment of Ladies' waists in crepe de chines, georgettes and tricolettes. You will find them up-to-date and at prices that will be right.

Be sure to come early and secure your part of these values.

BIG REDUCTION ON SILKS

We are going to make a reduction on our entire line of georgetes, crepe de chines, messalines and taffetas. Supply your needs at a big saving.

Come in today and see the Bargains you get in our dress goods.

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHIN

We have a complete assortment of M Boys' clothing that we will put o a big reduction. You will find t light and dark patterns an to look ahead and supply next Fall as well as now.

We appreciate your liberal patronage in the past and assure you that we are going to do our best to live up to your confi you good, honest merchandise at as reasonable a price as possible.

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Local News

John Massey has been visiting in Alvord.

W. O. Bailey was in Dallas Tuesday.

Showers fell over this section Wednesday.

Mrs. J. P. Fullingim is visiting in Lehigh, Okla.

Clyde King was here this week from Halsell.

H. F. Hawkins, was here Monday from Chico.

E. L. Moody spent last week in Fort Worth.

Jerry McKay was here Monday from Chico.

Paul Longuway of Alvord, was in Decatur Monday.

Editor Whitehead was here from Chico Tuesday.

Sam Culwell of Bridgeport was in the city Tuesday.

H. H. Halsell is in Kansas this week on business.

Harry Burton was in Fort Worth Monday on business.

Bun Muncey of Artesia, N. M., is visiting here and at Slidell.

65 cent printed voiles all go at 59 cents Saturday. Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Tom Laird has returned from a stay in Oklahoma.

Druggist Bob Gibson was here Monday from Chico.

Miss Ruth Lillard of Fort Worth, is visiting relatives here.

See window display of candy at E. W. Bass & Company.

A. E. Butler was here Monday on business from Rhome.

Dewey Mann has accepted a position in the San la Roy.

Dr. Cade Standley was here this week from Frederick, Okla.

The banks and postoffice observed Monday, being Decoration Day.

Famous Rexall candies now carried in stock by E. W. Bass & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fox of Big Sandy visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Five dollars saved is five dollars made. Why pay $55.00 to $75.00 for a suit when you can buy an all-wool 3-piece suit for $40 at Rieger Brothers?

Men's union alls from 75 cents up to $3.50. Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Bob Wallace of Oklahoma, visited the family of John Wallace this week.

J. Vanmeeter of Oklahoma, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. John Scott.

Try a sack of White Crest flour at Freeman's; it's certainly fine.

R. D. Handley and son, S. D., were here Monday from Rhome while enroute to Bridgeport.

Marshall McSpadden and family of Ponder, have been visiting the family of Clyde McCurdy.

Still some choice patterns left in our silk department—reduced. Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Oscar Bellah and family of Uvalde have been visiting at the home of Capt. and Mrs. Sam Bellah.

Play suits for the little folks. Saturday for 59 cents. Perkins-Timberlake company.

S. J. Petty, Jr., had his right arm broken at the wrist last Sunday while cranking the car of Rev. Ayres.

Workmen are completing the handsome new residence of Will Renshaw on West Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Riggs and daughter, Miss Irene, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Mann.

Fresh shipment of box candies just received at E. W. Bass & Company.

Richard Mann and wife have returned from Electra, and Mr. Mann has accepted a position with Turner's machine shop.

Miss Frances Fullingim and Miss Frances Collins have returned from a visit with friends and relatives in Bowie.

Our entire line of $1.00 printed voiles, Saturday, 79 cents. Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Miss Frances Fullingim will leave tomorrow for Denton to attend the Denton summer normal course.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bellah made an overland trip to Antelope this week.

Mrs. Walter Williams and children are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Williams.

R. L. Selby and family of Denton, spent last Sunday with relatives in Decatur.

Slip on overalls for the kiddies, Saturday for 59 cents. Perkins-Timberlake Company.

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Mrs. Harley Myers of Fort Worth, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hinkle.

Misses Grace and Ruth Smyth of Childress, are here visiting the family of H. L. Jones.

Miss Beatrice Goodwin of Alvord, and Mr. Emmitt Williams spent last week with Miss Linnie Blewett.

Little Tom Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Patterson, has been seriously ill for the past two weeks.

See our display in the window to the west—play suits and union alls for the kiddies. Perkins-Timberlake Company.

W. P. Cook of West, and Misses Nell Cook, Ethleen Redford and Blanche Gooch of Boyd, were in Decatur Wednesday.

Mrs. P. E. Wade and daughter, Miss Mary, of Fort Worth, are visitin gthe family of Uncle Jesse Fullingim.

Men's medium-weight 3-piece suits, $27.50 up to $30.00 at Rieger Brothers.

Let's start a berefoot club. We do not see how such a club could advance the price of shoes. If no one in America will wear a shoe until September we guarantee that ladies' pumps with no more leather in them than there is paper in a postage stamp will not sell for $20 and up.

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Manager H. F. Boyd has just completed some needed improvements in the Southwestern telephone exchange here. The different departments have been seperated into rooms, and the new arrangement adds much to the convenience of the exchange.

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After all, friends, we Americans have no right to bellyache these days. We are suffering a number of inconvenience on account of economic conditions, but we are all managing to get clothes and food and shelter. Over in Europe people are dying by the thousands because they are underfed and scantily clad and exposed to the buffeting winds of cruel winters.—Tishomingo (Okla.) Capital-Democrat.

In the opinion of Mr. Neff, his opponent, Mr. Thomason, is disqualified because he lives at El Paso, in the western section of the state. Then, all citizens living in the west, according to Mr. Neff's reasoning, are not full-fledged citizens of the state. Yet, they are taxed by the government and they contribute as loyally to the support of the state as do the citizens in the district from which Mr. Neff comes.

It is said the books will show that there has been expended in this precinct the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars on the roads and bridges during the past six years. And, the people who travel the roads and bridges in this precinct say they are in a deplorable condition. Seventy-five thousand dollars is a magnificent sum of tax money; a sum sufficient, it seems to the Messenger, to build roads and bridges that will stand the wear of travel to some extent.

The Messenger has been "called down" for publishing a statement in last week's issue about the Decatur delegation's doings at the big Dallas convention. The Messenger was asked to publish the article, signed by W. S. Gilbert, county chairman of the democratic forces of Wise county. Now, the Messenger understands that Mr. Gilbert denies signing the statement; saying that he never saw the article until it was published in the Messenger. The Messenger is not subject to criticism; the statement was given the paper for publication, and the name "W. S. Gilbert" was signed to the statement. It's no Messenger controversy.

They tell lots of tales on the editors, but this is a new one: The editor of a Kansas paper went ta attend a party given by one of his neighbors, where just a few weeks before the home had been blessed with a new baby. The hostess met him at the door, and after the usual salutation, he asked after the baby's health. The lady was hard of hearing, and had a bad cold, and, thinking he was asking about herself, answered that although she usually had one every winter, this was the worst one she ever had. It kept her awake at night a great deal, and at first confined her to her bed. Then noticing that the editor was acting very strangely, she said she could tell by his looks and actions that he was going to have one just like hers, and she asked him to come in out of the draft and sit down.

Mr. Neff, to quote the brief report of that gentleman's speech at Wichita Falls, "referred to an opponent who, he said, lived out of the state entirely, and to another who lives almost as close to San Francisco as he does to Wichita Falls." Non-residence ought to be a barrier to the office of governor, but we hope there are not many people in the state who will agree with Mr. Neff that residence in El Paso ought to be a barrier, or even an impediment, to a man seeking election to the office of governor of Texas. We assume that Mr. Neff's allusion was meant to suggest that the remoteness of Mr. Thomason's residence from the center of the state is a valid objection to his candidacy. We do not think it is. But if it is an objection, the objection affords a reason why the state should be divided, and we imagine Mr. Neff is not in favor of dividing Texas. There ought to be no sectionalism within Texas. The votes which may be won by agitating it are not worth the consequences of doing so, and least of all in the estimation of so proud and patriotic a Texan as we are sure Mr. Neff is.—Dallas News.

The Palo Pinto Star, a rabid Bailey organ, in its last week's issue tock occasion to point out to the voters that the supreme court had held that even though a man went into the democratic primary, he was not legally bound to support the nominees of that primary. This undoubtedly, is true, but will our esteemed contemporary argue that a man is not morally bound to support the nominees, or will he argue that it makes for clean politics for a man to disregard the party primary pledge or any other pledge? What is the idea anyway? Does the Star man thus openly invite the republicans to come into the primary and help nominate Joe Bailey and then bolt the ticket in the general election? That is the question so that the Star may set us right if we have drawn the wrong conclusion. We knew all of time that republicans and socialists, as a whole, were strong for the owner of the cemetery lot at Gainesville, but we had thought that they would be barred from the primary, and we think so yet, for no self-respecting citizen, be he socialist, republican, Baileyite or American man, will sign the pledge to vote for the nominees of a primary and then bolt the ticket.—Olney Enterprise.

REPEAL THE POLL TAX LAW.

Mr. Thomason said in his speech at San Antonio that he favored the repeal of the poll tax law. So do most of the people of Texas, we imagine, and if that is true it should be rather an easy task for any governor to bring about its repeal. That it has so long survived the sentiment which caused its enactment evidences the inertia of lawmakers rather than popular esteem for the law. There is a good deal to be said said against the poll tax law and only a little in favor of it. Its chief service, and perhaps its only one, is in supplying some revenue, most of which goes to the schools. It is tolerated largely, if not chiefly, because of its contribution to educational funds. Doubtless it is to be credited with keeping away from the polls some who are ill-fitted to use the ballot wisely, but also it keeps away from them even a larger number who are quite competent citizens in both the intellectual and moral senses, so that, on this score, the debit exceeds the credit. As a measure of political protection it is probably quite worthless. If the repeal of it would result in increasing the number of ignorant and vicious votes it would result in more largely increasing the number of enlightened and virtuous ones, so that political safety lies in repealing rather than in retaining the law.

But the decisive argument is in the fact the poll tax law is a violation of one of the cardinal tenets of the political creed we profess. Against the charge that we impose a property qualification on the privilege of voting by requiring the payment of a poll tax, a very pretty argument may be made. But we doubt if it convinces any one. On many it operates as a limitation of the opportunity of the poor, and so has the effect that would follow the imposition of a property qualification. That the number thus affected is smaller than would be the number who would be affected by the imposition of a property qualification is merely a mitigating circumstance, but one which emphasizes the larger fact that when we require the payment of a poll tax as a prerequisite for voting we merely evade the inhibition against the imposition of a property qualification. It is because the poll tax law is thus an act of intellectual dishonesty that it ought to be repealed.—Dallas News.

NEFF'S WINDY WORDS

"If I were an officer, I would make every man go around with his pants rolled up to show he was not a bootlegger." These are the words of Hon. Pat M. Neff, a candidate for governor of Texas uttered. at the democratic state convention at Dallas. This remarkable utterance from the "Statesman (?) from the Brazos Bottoms" is perhaps the most daring thrust ever made at the constitution of the United States, which says that every man is innocent until proved guilty. It must be said to the credit of the audience which heard the Honorable Neff, however, that his statement was not well received and they gasped in astonishment at his boldness.—Texas Republican Counselor.

THE OPEN SHOP

The Denver Civic & Commercial Association has gone on record as "unalterably in favor of 'open-shop,' —open to both union and non-union men," and endorses the following program:

1. Freedom of thought, speech, action and contract as guaranteed under the constitution of our country.
2. Oppose no man or set of men in assertion of such rights in lawful ways.
3. The right of every man to exercise his right of suffrage, his right of religious belief, his right to contract.
4. The right of every man to earn a living for himself and his dependents regardless of his political, religious or labor affiliations.
5. The right of both union and non-union labor and right of every man to join or refuse to join a union as he pleases.
6. The necessity of full discussion between employers and employes of issues that arise between them.
7. The use of force, violence, blacklist, boycott, or lockout as a means of contesting such issues, to be unlawful and contrary to public welfare.

Auto Epitaphs

This grave you see
  Is Ezra Paine's:
'Twas raining and
  He had no chains.

Departed this life
And his place in the strife,
  You find here Emanual Perking.
When he came to a hill
And a chance for a spill
  His emergency brake wasn't working.

At 60 miles
Across he flew
The fast mail came
At 62.

These bones of Bill's
Do not disturb;
At 60 miles
He hit the curb.

He drove while lit;
  It seems a shame
His lights could not
  Have been the same.
In this ground
  Lies Charley Hewitt,

He thought he'd beat
  A fast train to it.
Here lies the body of Jim Lake,
  Tread softly all who pass
He thought his foot was on the brake
  But it was on the gas. —Anon.

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Drilling Soon Begins In Old Bridgeport Well

Chas. F. Jackels and Harry Hardy of the Wise County Development Company, were in Decatur Wednesday from Bridgeport, and report the Bridgeport Oil & Gas Company about ready to resume drilling the well on the Jos. Dehtloff land, which has been shut down for several months. The Laurel-Montezuma Oil, Gas & Development Company, which is financially backing the project, has passed on a considerable number of the titles and are continuing this week. These gentlemen report that the work is greatly delayed by the land owners who are reluctant in extending the leases, which is absolutely necessary if they desire outside capital to come in to complete the project. "The land-owners who extend their leases receive a substantial benefit in having every defect corrected in their titles," stated Mr. Jackels. It is a fact that people in Wise county many times fail to appreciate what this means. Should a real oil field be discovered in this county, the land-owners would find it too late to make some corrections, which are now possible. A farm on which an oil well is brought in is immediately the prey of "easy-money" men, and all kinds of suits can be filed to further blur the title, thus tying up the property until some kind of settlement can be extorted from the farmer. A title "good enough" to farm on will not be good enough for a company to risk seventy-five to one hundred thousand dollars to drill on. Our advice to land-owners is: work with the reliable oil man, not against him. If they profit, the land-owner will profit. If the oil man loses, he loses alone. The rental is not much to the farmer, but the oil man is paying it, and the rental on several thousand acres counts up, all of which is a loss to the oil man unless he finds oil.

A Bible Class in the Picture Show

There isn't room for another large class in the Baptist Sunday school down at the church, and the proprietor of the picture show has kindly granted the use of his buildng, so it has been decided to organize a men's Bible class to meet in the picture show building on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The first meeting will be held next Sunday, at which meeting organization will be effected, and plans outlined for the permanent work of the class. Numbers of the leading business men of the town who have not been regularly in Sunday school heretofore have promised to give this organization their hearty support, and it looks like a big men's class of fifty or a hundred members might be built up in a short time. Other Texas towns have such men's classes with several hundred members, and Decatur can have one. All the men of the town who are not already in some Sunday school, are eligible for membership, and the presence and co-opration will be very much appreciated. This class will have several striking features peculiar to itself, and every possible effort will be made to make it interesting and profitable to all who attend. Come next Sunday, participate in the organization, and become a charter member of this new movement.

Remember the time, 10 a. m. next Sunday morning. Sincerely,

R. E. BELL.

Woman's Missionary Society Holds Meeting

The Baptist Woman's Missionary society met at the church, Monday p. m. at four o'clock for the regular monthly missionary program. There was a good attendance, and a splendid program was rendered. Our subject was "Our Mountain Schools." Mrs. H. L. Ward led the devotional. Prayer by Mrs. J. G. Gose; Mrs. R. E. Bell brought us a fine talk on "The Place of Prayer in All Our Work, and in All Our Plans." Miss Anita Patterson favored us with a special musical number.

"Romance and Reality in Mountain School Development," discussed in a pleasing as well as instructive manner by Miss Alta Jones. Hymn, "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us." Prayer, Mrs. Williams.

After the program Mrs. Herbert Burns made a splendid report of the annual W. M. U. meeting in Washington. Mrs. W. M. Hughes made an inspiring talk on "What We Are Living for, or What is Our Motive for Serving."

A short business session was held, Mrs. Burns, the president, presiding. Adjourned at a rather late hour, feeling that we were all helped and encouraged by having been there.—Publicity Supt.

B. Y. P. U. Program for Sunday, June 6

Subject—"Living in Two Worlds."

Leader—Alta Jones.

Scripture Reading—Vallie Blankenship.

The Great Material World, the Common Habitation of us All—Mrs. Rufus Nutting.

The World Within us, Our Personal Kingdom—Susie Wills Sanders and Alma Ruth Schulkey.

Music.

The Interaction of These Two Worlds, Each of the Other—Henry Tinsley.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. will meet promptly at 7 p. m.

First Christian Church

Topic for next Lord's-day morning will be, "Living Your Religion" or "Faith and Works Going Hand in Hand."

At the evening service, at 8 p. m., our children's day programme will be put on. A special invitation to the general public is extended to attend these services.

Thomason Favors a Free Legal Ballot

In a speech at Lockhart Tuesday night to a large crowd, R. E. Thomason, speaker of the house of representatives and candidate for governor, dwelt for some time upon the subject of payment of a poll tax as a prerequisite to voting. He amplified his statement made at San Antonio last week regarding the subject and said:

"Some interest has been shown in a brief reference that I made a few days ago concerning payment of a poll tax as a prerequisite to voting. I have been making the fight for several years to amend our constitution so that none but full-fledged American citizens can vote in any of our elections. I am the author of the literacy bill now upon the statute books, which requires every man to make out his own ticket in our primary election, and last year I helped amend the law so that now no man who is not an American citizen can vote in our primary elections. I am going to do everything in my power, however, to amend the constitution so that none but American citizens can vote in our general elections.

For Clean Elections

"When that time comes I believe the people can with safety further have a complete registration system for voting without having to pay for the privilege of doing so. No American citizen should be required to pay for the privilege of voting in a free country. In fact, he ought to be encouraged to take an interest in our government. I would require every voter to register and only be permitted to vote upon a receipt similar to our present poll tax receipt, but I would put all possible restrictions about the ballot, because I have been fighting for clean elections for years. I would even favor a literacy test and require a man to make out his application for registration receipt in the English language. Of course, I would expect the same kind of record kept on voters as is now done, as well as affidavit made as to the statements upon which receipt is procured.

Favors Registration Law

When we eliminate the foreigners and permit none but American citizens to vote, then we can with safety pass a registration law that safeguards the ballot as much as is now done. Some of our people, old and young, do not pay any poll tax at all; others pay $1.75, and still others, in cities that have levied a city poll tax, have to pay a total tax of $2.75. All voters, provided, of course, they are American citizens, should be placed upon an equality. It would, of course, require a constitutional amendment, voted upon by the people, to make any change in our present laws. Neither the governor nor legislature can change the present law. I am unqualifiedly for clean elections, with every possible restriction, and above all, I do not want any person to vote who is not a citizen of this country. I have always believed, however, as a matter of principle, that an American citizen should not be required to pay for the privilege of exercising a voice in this government. I am always willing to voice my conviction on public questions. This is a matter, however, for the people to decide, and not any governor."

Young Navasota Man Weds Decatur Lady

Miss Eva Barrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barrett of this city, and Mr. B. F. Gililland of Navasota, son of Mr. and Mrs. Almer Gililland, were married Tuesday at the home of the bride, Rev. A. A. Kidd, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiating. The bride is one of the most charming and cultured girls in Decatur, possessing a sweet disposition and christian character. She is a member of one of the best families in Wise county, and numbers her friends by the scores. B. F., who has won the heart and hand of this splendid girl, is a Decatur boy, having been born here. He is a fine fellow and comes from a good and substantial family. B. F. served with the "Fighting Marines" in France and the record he made while serving his country was brilliant. Mr. and Mrs. Gililland will reside in Navasota. Messenger joins the host of friends of these splendid young people in wishing them the best and brightest in life.

New Train to Denver Starts Next Sunday

A new through train, to be called train No. 1, between Fort Worth and Denver, is to be inaugurated Sunday, June 6 according to announcement of W. F. Sterley, general freight and passenger agent of the Fort Worth & Denver City railroad.

This train will leave Fort Worth at 10 a. m. and arrive at Denver at 4:25 p. m. the next day. The southbound train will arrive in Fort Worth at 7:25 p. m. The addition of this train will make no change in the leaving or arriving time of the other through trains, Nos. 7 and 8.

The new train will carry an observation sleeper and a standard sleeper, in addition to a sleeper from New Orleans, operated in connection with the Southern Pacific lines, via Dallas.

The new train will make only five stops between Fort Worth and Childress

HORSE-SHOEING

I have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. R. C. (Dick) Mann, who will in the future have charge of the horse-shoeing department in my shop which I have recently moved into new quarters on West Main street. Mr. Mann is a young man of excellent quality, a native of Wise county, has a farrier's diploma from the U. S. army, with whom he served during the war and we take pleasure in announcing him to our friends in announcing for service.

D. M. TURNER.

The Miller Blacksmith.

District M. E. League Conference Program

Chico, Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6, 1920.

Saturday Afternoon

2:00—Devotional—Rev. Reed.

2:15—Address of Welcome—Rev. J. F. Archer.

2:30—Response—Outler D. Gose, Decatur.

2:45—Enrollment of delegates.

Appointment of committees.

3:15—How to Maintain Interest in the Devotional Service from Sunday to Sunday—Anna Bridges, Rev. A. J. Weeks.

3:30—A Plan of the Work of the Department for Social Service—Rev. A. A. Kidd.

3:45—How to Secure New Members through the Department of Recreation and Culture—Arthur A. Kidd, Rev. L. D. Shawver.

4:00—Song—Mattie Lillian Kidd.

4:15—How to Maintain a Working Interest in Missions in Our Leagues—Lucile Gibson, Rev. Earl Jones.

4:30—Importance of Junior and Intermediate Leagues in Every Church—Relation to Senior Chapters—Robert Gibson, Miss Mildred Renshaw, Miss Lora Mount.

4:45—Round Table Discussion of All League Problems Presented—Rev. A. A. Kidd.

8:15—Song and Praise Service—Rev. J. M. Carpenter.

8:30—Report of Missionary Work for the Year by Each League.

8:45—Pledges for the New Year by Each League.

Special Music—Miss Lois Shawver.

9:00—How to Make the League thru its Four Departments Meet the Requirements of the Young People in Any Given Local Church—Jim Covey, Embry Hoyl, Rev. L. D. Shawver.

9:30—Special stunts put on by several different Chapters; limited to five minutes each. Leaguers wanted in on this, please notify the district president in advance. Congregation will vote on which did the best.

Sunday Morning

Sunrise prayer-meeting led by Rev. J. M. Carpenter.

9:15—Meeting of district cabinet with presiding elder.

9:45—Sunday school.

11:00—Sermon to Leaguers—Rev. L. D. Shawvr, P. E.

Sunday Afternoon

2:15—Devotional.

Report of committees.

Election of officers. Selection of next place of meeting.

The Qualifications of a one-hundred per cent Epworth Leaguer—Miss Ethel Proctor.

How Will I b ea Better Leaguer?—Volunteers.

Song—"God be with You Till We Meet Again."

News from Joe Bailey

Mr. and Mrs. Baker of Bridgport, visited Mrs. Baker's sister, Mrs. Fred Belew, Sunday.

Miss Elva Walker of Deep Creek, spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday with Miss Maude Walker.

Joe Bill Bullock of Newcastle, spent last week with his cousins, T. L. and Paul Ed Gentry.

Mrs. Williamson and little granddaughter, Maxine, of Greenwood, visited Oscar Perrin and family last week.

Joe Bullock and family and Chas. Price and family of Newcastle, visited J. E. Gentry and family last week.

Mr. Charley Cartwright went to Fort Worth Saturday to visit his son, John, and family.

Harley and Leonard Burton are at home again after teaching the past term of school.

Wichita County Biggest Oil Producer in Country

Wichita county is now producing more oil than any other county in the United States, according to figures just compiled. An average of 102,000 barrels daily is the output of the Wichita Falls district, and all, save about 2,000 barrels of this, is from Wichita county. The field continues to expand, a new pool west of the Waggoner district having been opened up this week.

First Methodist Church

Last Sunday a great Sunday school gathered and it was a very profitable hour. Only fourteen were a little late, but all on time for the class work. That was fine.

Next Sunday a larger attendance will be had and everybody on time for the devotional services.

Last Sunday morning and evening, large congregations attended the preaching services and were very attentive and interested.

Next Sunday at 11 a. m., preaching by the pastor; theme—"Origin, Design, and Perpetuity of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper."

At 3 p. m. the Junion League, with Mrs. Charlie Workman as superintendent.

At 4 p. m., Intermediate League, Miss May Hoyl, superintendent.

On account of the district league conference at Chico, the senior league will not meet as usual.

At 8 p. m., special services; the theme—"The World's Obligation to the Church, and the Church's Obligation to the World," in two addresses. First—"The World's Obligation to the Church," (15 minutes), by Hon. H. E. Lobdell. Second—"The Church's Obligation to the World," (15 minutes,) by the pastor.

We invite the public. We insist that all our members and friends be with us. A. A. KIDD, Pastor.

Marriage Licenses

C. W. Handley and Miss Reva Blanche Buckner, Bridgeport.

B. F. Gililland, Navasota, and Miss Eva Barrett, Decatur.

A Comedy of Newlyweds and a Honeymoon that Wasn't —Wherein Youth Laughs at Trouble and Gloom Gets Another Wrinkle

'Please Get Married'

Featuring Viola Dana

The picture is an adaptation of the sprightly stage farce by James Cullen and Lewis Allen Browne, which, when produced by Oliver Morosco, ran for six months in New York, and was one of the outstanding successes of the last theatrical season.

Miss Dana plays the part of an almost kissless bride on a most embarrassing honeymoon. The plot is so clever and so ingeniously filled with comedy surprises, that it seems unfair to divulge it, lest the enjoyment of the spectator be impaired by a foreknowledge of what it is all about.

Suffice to say that it has to do with a pair of adoring and extremely youthful lovers who embark on a honeymoon in blissful content, while their parents have learned that perhaps they may not be married at all. The shocked and horrified parents set out to overtake them, but they reach a mountain hotel ahead of their elders and prepare for the spooning they have waited so long for, when they are the victims of a series of interruptions that are as disconcerting to them as they are mirth-provoking.

Majestic, Thursday, June 10

HARVEST

Time

is Near

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MISSION COMES FROM PHILIPPINES

ody Headed by Senate President Quezon Reiterates Demand for Independence.

at the Filipino people are in earn- their demand for immediate in- ence is indicated by the coming nited States of a second Philip- ssion to work for independence. dent with this announcement the Department received a cable from nila stating that the all-Filipino leg- ature had adopted resolutions re- rating its plea for immediate inde- ndence.

The second mission, like the first, is posed of the leading men of the is- ds and will work in the United tes not only for immediate inde- dence, but also to bring about "bet- understanding, greater confidence closer economic relations between United States and the Philippines."

The mission is again headed by Man- L. Quezon, president of the Philip- Senate, who is well known in rica, ng been for six years res- ssioner to the United

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President Manuel L. Quezon.

Quezon and the Hon. Ser- Speaker of the Philippine Representatives and Vice f the Council of State, are of the Nacionalista party, been in power since 1907. eaker Osmena is not so well the United States as Quezon, idered one of the ablest men ands, Senate President Que- ntly referred to Osmena as atest Filipino since Rizal." ersonal relations between Os- d Quezon are probably without el in modern politics. They the leading political figures ands for 12 years, yet there been the slightest indication etween them. Throughout e as well as their long ch has refused to be position that the ezon was the he American em and con- ublican and e chamber. s assured of of the official once declared English of any the Nacion- of the na- dence. facto' of ng Filipi-

Speaker Sergio Osmena.

urnalist, now in America. "A onscientious and tireless worker, igh and persistent, a genius for ng the big features as well as allest details of public affairs, aded, quiet by temperament and a deep thinker, an eloquent polished writer, a keen ob- men—such is Osmena."

smena and Quezon have been t advocates of Philippine in- ce, yet when the occasion de- ey have never hesitated to se cause of America's good wa the Filipino people.

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Presdent John H. Old Settlers' association, meeting of the old settle day afternoon to confer proaching reunion. The m be held at the court h o'clock.

Miss Lela Mann will gi er this afternoon, at her of Shoemaker and Hill oring Miss Mora Neils be married on June 10t Hornback Lynch at the odist church.

If you like real high-cla which is guaranteed, try Crest at Freeman's Grocery.

Manager H. F. Boyd has pleted some needed improv the Southwestern telephon here. The different d have been seperated into the new arrangement add the convenience of the e

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County Agent's Report

County Agent Kemp says he finds little time for anything besides offering suggestions for remedies or substitute crops for parties who have suffered most on account of rains and overflows, or adopting changes that the advanced season makes advisable and are driving with a dtermination to win at some stage of the agricultural struggle—a struggle it is, indeed, to overcome the øverwhelmnig growth of weeds and grass.

Mr. Kemp says conditions are improving and very soon recent disappointment will be counterbalanced by airly good yields of small grain and by promising prospects of satisfactory summer crops.

He is much pleased with the interest taken by live stock breders, wool growers and pourty raisers in their respective associations. Each organization is wde-awake and increasiing in activity for advancing ts welfare

The wool growers have assembled ther wool in a warehouse in Decatur for in spection and sale June 21. Owners who have not disposed of their wool should bring it to the warehouse and share the benefits of co-operative selling.

Members of the live stock association contemplate a special sale of thoroughbred animals and poultry one day during the county fair. Details for the sale and other important matters will be arranged at a call meeting Saturday, June 5th, in the county courthouse.

Mr. Kemp reports an intersting meeting called in behalf of the county fair association. President L. H. Reeves presided. Proceedings were informal. Everybody present had helpful suggestions to offer and participated in the round-table discussions. A growing interest was evident frof strat to finish.

This splendid movement concerns everybody because of the awakening advertisement of thec ounty's resources and of the individual benefits and pleasurable experiences.

Raise something, make something and bring it to the fair.

CHANGE IN FIRM.

Jim Tucker has bought the interest of C. E. Long in the grocery and produce firm of Long & Dickson on West Main street. The new firm is Dickson & Tucker, Mr. Dickson remaining with the business. The new firm wishes to thank the former customers of the house, and cordially invites a continuance of their patronage, and also solicits new patrons, assuring one and all of the best the market affords, and prompt and courteous service.

DICKSON & TUCKER.

Mr. Pep

John Barleycorn's last order was bier

And we guess it's a good thing at that.

OUR POLICY

We don't expect that every man will build a palace or a first-class barn right away.

However, we are sure that he will some day. That's the reason we are willing to go out of our way to favor the man who is erecting a small or temporary building. We know that we'll sell him when he feels that he is able to build better buildings.

COME IN AND LET US FIGURE—SIZE MAKES NO DIFFERENCE

Everything in Building Materials

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H. T. Breedlove, Mngr.,
Decatur, Texas.

Dr. Ted Payne nad fawily of the Coal City, spent Sunday in Decatur.

Mrs. Theodore Harris of Dallas, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Williams.

Mrs. A. A. Kidd and daughter, Mattie Lillian, have returned from a visit to Jacksonville.

Mrs. Roy Gililland and Miss Jackie Gose spent several days in Belton, visiting Miss Orlena Gose.

Greenwood defeated the Decatur ball team at Greenwood on Thursday of last week 4 to 1. Errors by Decatur let in Greenwood's runs.

"Have been reading the Messenger and I think it one of the best weekly papers in thes tate," stated Pastor R. E. Bell, of the First Baptist church of Decatur.

"Drop the little ad I am running in the Messenger," says Mrs. H. F. Gillette, "have sold $57 worth of turkey eggs from the ad." This splendid business woman says the Messenger is the best advertising medium she has ever patronized.

"Please Get Married" is a very entertaining comedy to be shown at the Majestic next Thursday night. The very charming comedienne, Viola Dana, plays the leading role. If you would enjoy some hearty laughs, see this show.

See our peanuts before buying your seed; can save you money. Also have red top fetereta, kaffir corn and milo maize seed. Lillard Milling Company, Decatur.

Holland objects to exporting the biggest cheese ever known within its borders—but the allies may insist.

Service and satisfaction are tightly wound in every ball of Plymouth twine, and will be gladly passed along to you if you will but place your order early with us.—HELM-DILLEHAY CO.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Messnger of June 8, 1900.

Mrs. Harry May is very sick.

R. K. Halsell is in town from his ranch.

Miss Exsa Crow of Boyd, was shopping in the city Wednesday.

Miss Geraldine Coombs of Linneus, Mo., is visiting Miss Ruth Colgan.

Dr. Chas. Simmons and wife returned Wednesday from their bridal tour.

Mrs. C. M. Cates, Miss Anna Lee, Vaughn and Master C. C. Jones left for Mineral Wells Tuesday.

Steve Gose and wife returned Monday evening from a two-weeks' visit with relatives in Iowa Park.

There will be a band concert tonight in the court house yard. Everybody come out; it's free.

Married:—Thursday, May 31st, Amos Prindle and Mrs. Laura Cunningham, Esquire Spencer officiating.

Miss Eva Hayes' Sunday school class of young ladies enjoyed a picnic at the confederate park Wednesday.

Quite a lively crowd of young people, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Ras Saufley, enjoyed a picnic on Sweetwater Tuesday.

W. T. Simmons and wife, Miss Edna Earhart, John Simmons and Cliff D. Cates started Wednesday on a western trip by wagon.

Uncle Dan Waggoner went up the road Thursday to see about harvesting his immense wheat crop in Wichita and Wilbarger counties.

Sam Parks, Tim Kenney, John Morris and Jim Henderson went out on a hunting and fishing trip Thursday. Tim sold fifteen squirrels before he left.

Rev. J. B. Stone, wife and little daughter, Ruth, of Winona, Miss., arrived Wednesday on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. A. D. Rogers. Rev. Stone will preach at the M. E. church Sunday evening.

J. G. Brady, at one time a citizen of this county, uncle of Elmore Brady, died at his home in Fort Worth Saturday, June 2nd. His remains arrived on the noon train Monday and were interred in the Sand Hill cemetery.

Owen's Barber Shop . . .

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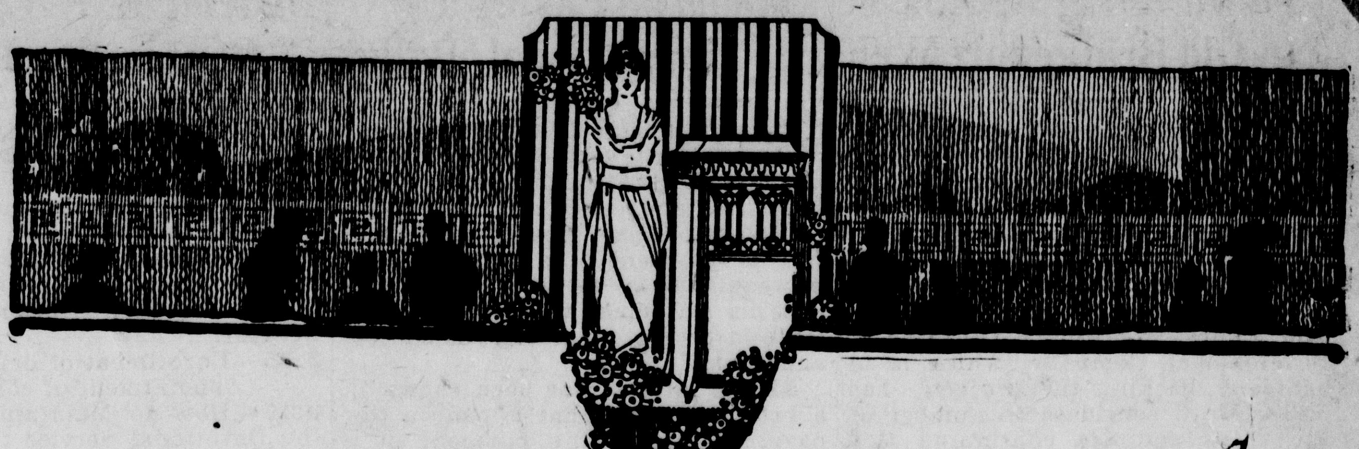

So Human

--it amazed all Wise county

Some of your friends must have been in the huge audience which heard Leola Lucey in her Tone-Test recital at the district court room. Ask these people about it. This is the astonishing discovery they made:

The keenest musical ear can not distinguish any difference between the voice of the living artist and the RE-CREATION of that voice by the New Edison.*

And does it not amaze you, too, that Mr. Edison has succeeded in producing an instrument that captures every subtle sweetness of the human voice—that gives you all the ear can give you of the art of the world's great artists. No other phonograph dares to make this direct comparison.

The New Edison

"The Phonograph with a Soul"

The New Edison* alone can RE-CREATE music for you. Come in and hear it for yourself. Make the great discovery for yourself.

Lynch & St. Clair

DECATUR, TEXAS.

*The instrument used in the Tone-Test of April 28, is the regular model which sells for $295. It is an exact duplicate of the Laboratory Model which Mr. Edison perfected after spending Three Million Dollars in experiments.

Phun and Philosophy

—By M. Dash—

They are calling passenger liners between New York and Cuba "tank ships.'

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Attorney General Palmer says the cost of living is under control. All right. But whose?

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Berlin is spending money madly. So are we and the more we are worked to spend the madder we get.

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One beauty of withdrawing now, presidential candidates are finding, is that they don't have so far to withdraw.

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No one can now doubt miracles, when he sees a minister living on a salary fixed ten years ago, and keeping out of debt.

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Newspaper Items—1940

The peace has ben ratified with Germany.

A cigaret, a pipe, a cigar, and a jar of tobacco have been placed on exhibit in the museum of natural history.

The city adopts plans for cleaning the streets.

Gunboat Gertie knocked cut Battling Bessie in the third round.

Railway men go on strike for a two-hour day and $500 a week.

Suger drops to 90 cents a pound.
—Harvard (Ill.) Independent.

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O. I. C.

He barely knows his A. B. C.
Nor even wore a B. V. D.
Until he signed an I. O. U.
And he got wise then P. D. Q.
So now he buys stuff F. O. B.
Unless they send it C. O. D.

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Their Good-Night Message

One of our local citizens tells this story, and he says it happened at a very prominent home: It occurred in the evening. I and several others were calling. As we chatted in the parlor we heard the patter of little feet at the head of the stair above. The mother of this particular home raised her head for silence. "Hush! The children are going to deliver their good night message," she said softly. "It always gives me a feeling of reverence to hear them. They are so nearer the Creator than we are, and they speak the love that is in their hearts never so fully as when the dark has come. Listen." Then there was a moment of tense silence. Then, "Mamma," came the message from above, "Willie found a bedbug."

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Growing

Most people want to grow.

They would like to advance in their work, earn more, have greater influence, do bigger things.

Yet, strange to say, the world is full of people who do not "grow up." They have lost the secret of their youthful days. They come to a halt in self-development, and folks say they are getting "old."

But a person is never old until he quits growing; and he need not quit growing until the end of his years.

The most conspicuous fact about great men—men who do big things, and keep doing them—is that they never cease growing.

They are perpetually young.

They have the real thing, of which Pone de Leon's "Fountain of Youth" was only an imitation.

A man sets his heart upon growing, he has but three things to do:

First, he must be a learner all his life.

I do not mean by books only. Almost anyone can learn from books.

Many have attained the knack of learning from things, by observation.

Few have acquired all there is to the art of learning from other people.

Yet, almost every one you meet has something important to teach you, tell you, or show you, if you know how to ask intelligent questions, and if you are genuinely in learning.

Some will give you information, some will teach you wisdom, some will show you the right manner of delivering a smile or handshake.

The man who would grow must be a human interogation point.

Then, he must be a thinker—and must think hard.

He may not be able to "add a cubit to his stature, by taking thought," but he can surely add to his personality, his influence, his power and success.

Many people never put a load on their brains, and their brains like an unattached locomotive, always run "light.'

Unless a man revolves in his mind what he learns and observes, he never gets any use from it.

He must make deductions.

Finally, he must be a doer.

Some people are long on thinking but short on doing.

They are dreamers.

But experience is, after all, the greatest of all teachers.

When you have the courage to tackle the difficult thing which tests your utmost ability, then you are down to the business of growing in all its fine points.

The bumps you will get, the discouragements you will encounter, and even the mistakes you will make in being zealous in your doing, will be among the best parts of your education.

When I meet a man who shows me he has lost interest in his business, I feel sorry for him.

I know that he has ceased to grow.

For there is no better place to practice growing than in one's daily work.

It is a field of unending possibilities for learning facts, meeting people, attaining new triumps day after day that prove one's mettle and one's brains.

Success and rewards always come to the person who continues to grow, but the greatest reward consists in having found the secret that makes life continuously interesting.

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"Ask the Man Who's Been Here"

LINCOLN PAINTS AND VARNISHES
"Save the surface and you save all"—Paint & Varnish

I am Proud of This Enamel Finish

It is real Lincoln Enamel, almost like porcelain, and is always clean and sweet. It is such a help in my house work that I have had almost everything in the kitchen enameled—Cupboard—Kitchen Cabinet—Shelves. It takes so little work to keep them clean. Of coure I use the

Lincoln Enamels

I always keep the little surfaces about the house refinished reg- ly with Lincoln Paints and Finishes. Use and wear makes them shabby. A few brushfuls of paint or finish saves the surface and keeps them like new.

You can get color samples and find out what to use and how it should be applied by calling on the Lincoln Dealer right here in our own town.

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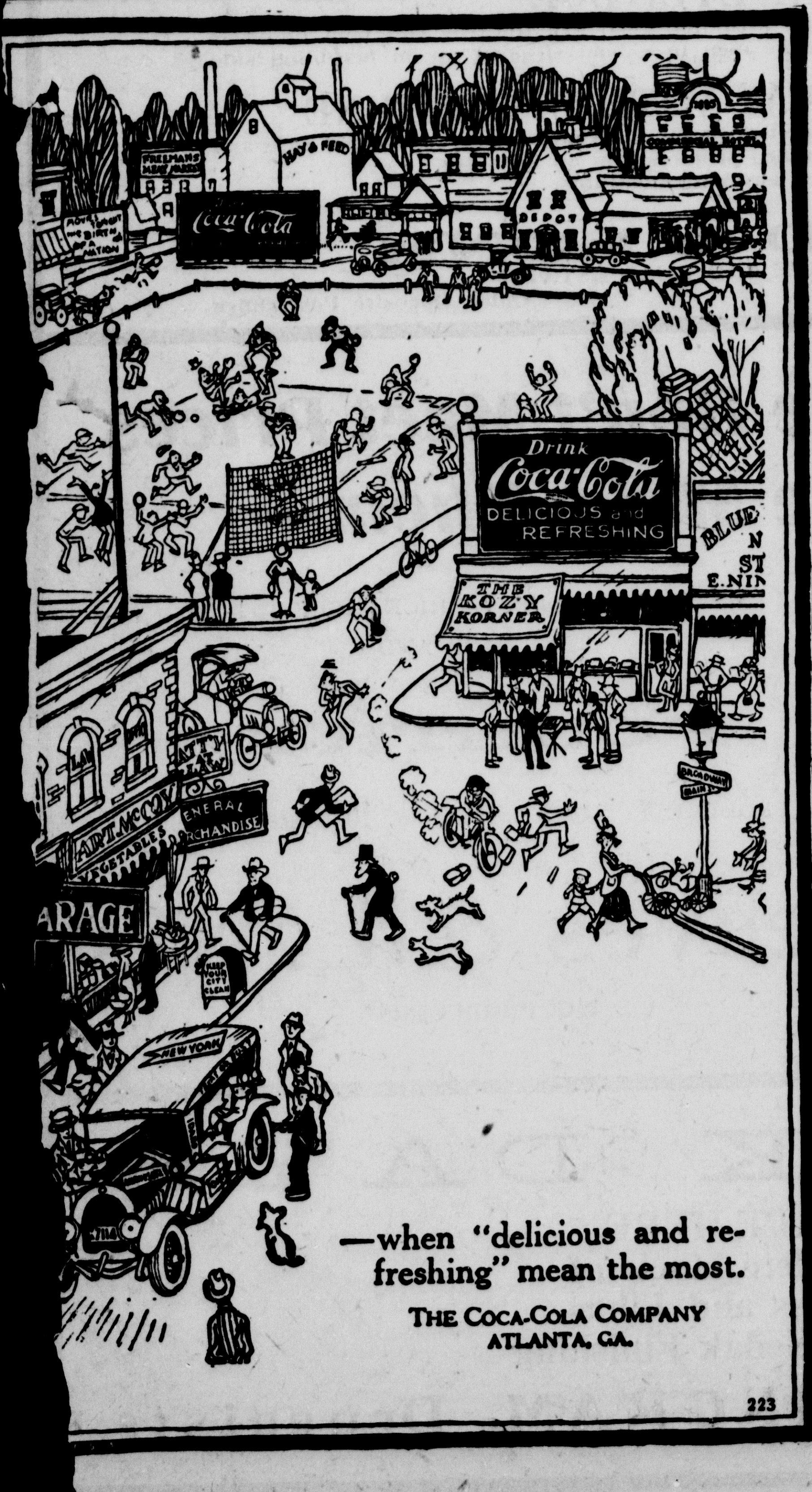
SOUTHEAST COR. SQUARE —o— DECATUR



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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

FORT WORTH & DENVER CITY RAILWAY SCHEDULE

North Bound

Fort Worth	Decatur	W. Falls
*3— 7:15 am	9:00 am	11:59 am
*1—10:00 am	11:37 am	2:20 pm
*5— 6:00 pm	7:50 pm	10:45 pm
*7—10:25 pm	12:02 am	2:50 am

South Bound

W. Falls	Decatur	Fort Worth
*8— 2:50 am	5:40 am	7:15 am
*6— 8:00 am	11:05 am	1:00 pm
*2— 2:20 pm	5:07 pm	6:45 pm
*4— 6:00 pm	8:55 pm	10:45 pm

Trains No. 7 and 8 run to and from Denver; trains Nos. 1 and 2 run to and from Texline; trains Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 run to and from Wichita Falls.

MAIL SERVICE

North Bound

No. 1 brings regular mail; No. 3 brings closed pouch and Dallas News; No. 7 brings regular mail.

South Bound

No. 2 brings regular mail; No. 8 brings regular mail; No. 5 brings no mail, but takes closed pouch from Decatur.

Uncle Bill King is here on a visit from Halsell.

Watch for our candy specials at E. W. Bass & Company.

Sam Man and H. G. Ward were down from Wichita Falls Sunday.

Miss Edith Stepp has returned from a visit to relatives at Alvord.

Men's Palm Beach and Mohair suits, $7.50 to $17.50 at Rieger Brothers.

Dr. and Mrs. Carlo Ball of Frederick, Okla., spent several days here this week.

Mrs. Walter Williams and children of Texarkana, have been the guests of relatives here.

See our peanuts before buying your seed; can save you money. Also have red top fetereta, kaffir corn and milo maize seed. Lillard Milling Company, Decatur.

The Decatur district Epworth League conference will be held in Chico Saturday and Sunday. Quite a number from Decatur will attend and take part in the program, which appears in this issue.

Young men's suits—just what you want, in the new blues, browns and greens; double and single breasted; high waist seams; with or without the belt; priced at $35.00 $40.00 and up to $50.00 the suit at Rieger Brothers.

Dolph Conley, the "cantaloupe king" of the Alvord country, says his prospects for a bumper crop of fine melons were never better. Dolph's specialty is the "Conley Champion," said to be the equal if not the superior of the famous Rocky Ford melon.

I have in my hands four $700.00 vendor lein notes for sale. Due Jan. 1, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924. Can be made longer. Geo. F. Boyd, basement of the court house.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Parker of Bowie, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Smith this week. Mr. Parker has just returned from a seven-months' stay in Eastland, and after a visit to the Burk-Waggoner location here, he stated that this location certainly looked good for the bringing in of a good oil well. He said the surface conditions surrounding the Burk-Waggoner were similar to those in the Ranger and Caddo fields.

See our peanuts before buying your seed; can save you money. Also have red top fetereta, kaffir corn and milo maize seed. Lillard Milling Company, Decatur.

Jim Fulghum of Chico, was in the city Wednesday. He reported the great Chico country in good condition. "Little, or no politics in our community, but we want to register a complaint against someone for not getting our favorite county paper, the Messenger, to us on Friday night or Saturday morning." The Chico bundle of Messengers leaves this office every Friday morning and gets away on the first train, and why it is held up after leaving this office is being looked after. The Messenger should be in Chico not later than Saturday morning, following the day of publication.

During the month just closed the Messenger put over one hundred new and renewal subscriptions on the mailing lists. Today the Messenger has a greater list of bona fide subscribers than any newspaper published in this section; more than the combined lists of all other Wise county subscribers; no free list; an honest-to-goodness list of readers.

Some vacant property and two dwellings in Decatur for sale. One dwelling vacant first of June. G. F. Boyd, basement of the court house.

A Messenger editor is under everlasting obligations to Tully Fields of this city, for advice about caring for young turkeys which were troubled with rheumatism. After trying all the remedies in and out of drug stores for the turks' ailment, we ran across Tully, and after telling him of the vicissitudes and so-forth of the said turkeys, explaining minutely the workings of the disease, he immediately, in a low and subdued tone, told us to tie a small copper wire around the legs of the turkeys and a cure for the rheumatism would be brought about. We followed the advise—and the turkeys today can stand flat-footed and hop over the garden fence.

See that farce-comedy "Please Get Married," Thursday night.

FISK TIRES

THE only tires built to an advertised Ideal—an Ideal that definitely indicates the policy and aim of the makers of Fisk Tires.

The Fisk Ideal: "To be the best concern in the world to work for, and the squarest concern in existence to do business with."

Next time—BUY FISK

The Meridian Garage

HENRY ASKEY, Prop.

No sir-ee, bob!

No premiums with Camels—all quality!

CAMELS quality plus Camels expert blend of choice Turkish and choice Domestic tobaccos pass out the most wonderful cigarette smoke you ever drew into your mouth!

And, the way to prove that statement is to compare Camels puff-by-puff with any cigarette in the world!

Camels have a mild mellowness that is as new to you as it is delightful. Yet, that desirable "body" is *all there! They are always refreshing—they never tire your taste.*

Camels leave no unpleasant cigaretty aftertaste nor unpleasant cigaretty odor! Your say-so about Camels will be:

"My, but that's a great cigarette".

Camels are sold everywhere in scientifically sealed packages of 20 cigarettes for 20 cents, or ten packages (200 cigarettes) in a glassine-paper-covered carton. We strongly recommend this carton for the home or office supply or when you travel.

R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO.
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Camel CIGARETTES

W. L. Dallas' grocery is moving to the north side of the room that has been occupied by the firm for several years. A partition will be put in and the Security State bank will occupy the south half of the large floor. The Dallas store, when fitted up, will be one of the best appointed stores in the city. The Security State, the splendid addition to the banking interests of the town, will be furnished with handsome fixtures and will rank as one of the most convenient financial institutions in this section. Work on the bank vault will begin in a short time. All fixtures and the safe have been ordered for the new bank.

Keep Them Growing

Children who are over-thin, listless or delicate, should take

Scott's Emulsion

regularly every day as an aid to growth and sturdiness. *Nothing surpasses Scott's Emulsion as a tonic-nutrient for a child of any age.*

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 20-06

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Operating Grist Mills

Grind on Stone Buhrs, manufacturing corn meal, corn chops, whole wheat flour and other mill products, which are made on the Improved Blue Ridge Mill outfits.

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The Summit Garage

BY THE FIRST OF MAY WE WILL BE IN POSITION TO OFFER OUR PATRONS THE SERVICE OF A STRICTLY FIRST-CLASS MECHANIC. BRING YOUR CAR TROUBLES TO US.

FISK, GOODRICH, AJAX AND PENSYLVANIA VACUUM CUP TIRES AND TUBES. * GIVE US A CHANCE TO SERVE YOU!

S. P. Taylor & Son

—'PHONE 232—

LOW COST SHAKES HANDS WITH HIGH QUALITY AT DECATUR JEWELRY CO.

To satisfy you individual needs and wishes for that gift, get it from

The Decatur Jewelry Company

CHAS. P. NASH, Manager

TOILET ARTICLES THAT PRESERVE YOUR GOOD LOOKS ARE FOUND AT GUNN'S DRUG STORE

Here are found a splendid assortment of toilet articles to meet the needs of both seves.

Our line of these articles is too complete to make special and individual mention, but rest assured we have in stock the thing you wish in this particular line.

GOOD WIVES

Should check up their hunband's supply of tilet articles occasionally and see that it is complete.

LOOK IT OVER TODAY

Does he need shaving soap, razor blades, shaving lotion, talcum or any of the other little necessities which go to make a man's toilet complete?

IN DOING SO, DON'T OVERLOOK YOURS

C. B. GUNN DRUG STORE

—PRESCRIPTION WORK OUR SPECIALTY—

JONES can save you money on your grocery, furniture and queensware bills?. He carries a good stock for you to select from; and his cash prices are as low as can be found in town for the quality offered. Give him your next grocery order !

H. L. JONES

Northwest Corner Square Decatur

Modern Banking

START THAT CHECKING ACCOUNT TO-DAY!

A checking account will give you a stability thta will keep you in the saving habit. The spendthrift of today will be dependent on someone in later years.—START TODAY!

First National Bank

SAFETY—SERVICE—SATISFACTION

How About That Suit?

SERGES—WORSTEDS—FLANNELS

—3-PIECE SUITS—

PRICED AT $27.50, $30.00, $35.00 AND UP TO $50.00 THE SUIT

—PALM BEACH SUITS—

SOUTHWEST COR. SQ. DECATUR

Rieger Bros' Dry Goods Store

GENTS' FURNISHINGS

—LADIES AND CHILDREN'S SHOES AND HOSIERY—

Service and Success

This business has attained its present success largely as a result of the personal attention it renders to each customer regardless of the size of the order.

Our success is made possible by satisfied customers.,

Fred Freeman

"THE FARMER MERCHANT"

WHY I TRADE AT HOME

Dear Editor:

We should trade at home primarily for the reason that the home merchant is our friend. It is he we look to in times of emergency. Should we not be willing to reciprocate?

At home we get better service, promptly rendered, and see what we are getting for our money instead of "trading sight unseen," as do those who deal by mail.

Money spent at home comes back to us. Money sent away is gone forever, so far as we are concerned.

We expect the home dealer to buy our produce and to give us a market for whatever we have to sell. Why not treat him the same way and buy from him what we have to buy?

Self-interest if nothing else, should prompt us to make possible a local market to sell and buy in, by giving the home dealer all reasonable preference. SUBSCRIBER.

Men's Clothing For Young and Old

NEW SPRING STYLES — SPRING SHADES — CONSERVATIVE STYLES THAT ARE PLEASING;—GET GOOD ONES; THEY LAST LONGER.

—REMARKABLE VALUES AT REASONABLE PRICES—

A SIMPLE TRY-ON WILL CONVINCE YOU

BELLAH-BAILEY COMPANY

We Are Prepared...

TO SAVE YOU MONEY ON EVERYTHING IN THE MEN'S AND BOYS' LINES; ALSO LADIES' SHOES AND HOSIERY
WE CARRY STANDARD BRAND MERCHANDISE—THAT IS WHY WE STAND BEHIND EVERYTHNG WE SELL
IF YOU ARE NOT A CUSTOMER OF THIS STORE, MAKE IT TO YOUR ADVANTAGE TO COME HERE, AS WE GIVE YOU 100 PER CENT FOR YOUR MONEY
—WE BACK UP EVERYTHING WE SELL—

—COME HERE FOR YOUR SHOES—

Greer's Cash Store

Leased for Life?

THEN BE HAPPY AND PUT COMFORT, CONVENIENCE AND HAPPINESS IN YOUR HOME.

—"WE CAN FURNISH IT FOR YOU"—

MAN & CHRISTIAN

A ONE-EYED DOE

always kept near the water's edge with her good eye towards the land in order to watch out for hunters. But some men in a boat slilpped up on her blind side and killed her.

THAT IS THE WAY WITH MISFORTUNE

It generally strikes from an unexpected quarter. That's why you are not safe and cannot feel safe unless your insurance protects you on all sides.

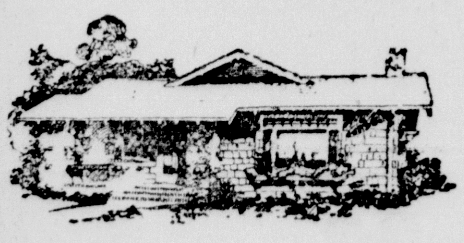
We can give you protection on anything insurable.

BOYD & SONS

—INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE—

Oldest Agency in Wise County Office Opposite Post Office

LET'S TALK BUILDING MATERIAL



We make building loans and build homes on Ye Plannery System.

It will be a pleasure to talk over that new building with you.

—B. P. S. PAINTS—

A home built the qaulity way is loved and cherished by every member of the family.

Patronize home industries by buying in Decatur.

Cicero Smith Lumber Co.

J. H. LYNCH, Manager

FOR THE YEAR 1919 WE PURCHASED FROM THE FARMERS OF WISE COUNTY

Wheat	$201,051 71
Horses	$ 3,333 00
Peanuts	$ 8,991 73
Hogs	$ 33,099 08
Barley, corn, hay, oats, millet, rye and other products	$253,207 89

And this is the greater reason why you should use "PRIDE OF TEXAS," Good, White Flour in your baking, equally good for biscuits, pies, light bread and cakes.

Lillard Milling Co.

—SINCE '96 MAKERS OF GOOD FLOUR—

We Don't Meet Prices We Make Them---

WE PAY THE BEST PRICES FOR BUTTER, EGGS AND

POULTRY

WHEN PRODUCE IS YOUR BUSINESS, BE SURE TO SEE US

Reeves & Lewis

"THE PRODUCERS"

New Shipment Just Arrived of A B C washing machines

Decatur Light & Water Co.

C. P. DODSON, Mgr.

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Complete stock of
Kodaks and Films
We do Kodak Finishing

SANDERS & INGRAM, Druggists